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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF ARGENTINE NATIONAL RICARDO ZEFF

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1. ARGENTINE CITIZEN INES OFELIA DE ZEFF OF INSTITUTO DE
DESAROLLO Y PROMOCION HUMANA, BUENOS AIRES, HAS BEEN
PARTICIPATING IN INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION MEETING IN
WASHINGTON. SHE HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE
IN LOCATING HER SON.

2. RICARDO JAIME ZEFF WAS TAKEN BY ARMED MEN FROM HIS
HOME ON JULY 23. HE APPARENTLY WAS ACTIVE IN PERONISM.
UP TO NOW, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS SAID THAT HE IS NOT
REGISTERED AS A PRISONER ALTHOUGH FAMILY HAS LEARNED
THROUGH ARMY SOURCES THAT ARMY HAS RICARDO, POSSIBLY AT
SAN MARTIN PRISON. RICARDO WAS BORN IN BUENOS AIRES ON
OCTOBER 7, 1957. HE IS THE SON OF DR. LUIS ZEFF AND INES
OFELIA DE ZEFF. THEY RESIDE AT VIT 1942, 10TH FLOOR, APT.
(C) BUENOS AIRES.

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3. MRS. ZEFF WAS ADVISED THAT INQUIRIES ON SON'S BEHALF

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ZEFF WILL BE CONTACTING MS. THAYER OR MR. STEVEN WITH
THIS INFORMATION.

4. MRS. ZEFF UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE IS LITTLE THAT USG
CAN DO FOR HER SON BUT WOULD APPRECIATE AN EXPRESSION OF
OUR INTEREST ON HIS BEHALF.
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